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The Children's Advocacy and Protection Center will hold the Hancock-Settlemyre Award Banquet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Market on Main, 335 Main Ave. SW, Hickory, NC. The Key note speaker is Ashlie Shanley. Ms. Shanley is the Chief Assistant District Attorney of Cabarrus County and has served as an Assistant District Attorney since 1996. Shanley heads the Cabarrus County Safe Haven Special Victims Unit, a unit dedicated to prosecuting the homicide and sexual assault of women and children. She is a founding member of the Cabarrus County Child Advocacy Center and the Cabarrus County Teen Court. Shanley has presented at the North Carolina District Attorney's Conference, the Lake Junaluska Child Advocacy Center Conference, the Wilmington Regional Training Center for Child Maltreatment and Assault and routinely conducts trainings for law enforcement officers, forensic nurses, pediatricians, social workers and other professionals in the child protection field.

The Hancock-Settlemyre Award was established in 1980 in honor of Dr. Millie Hancock Schumpert, former Hickory physician, and Jean Settlemyre Tashman, former administrator of Frye Medical Center. The award was named for the women as a way to recognize their contribution to the community in promoting awareness and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

This prestigious Award is presented annually to an individual, community group, or business that has worked to enhance the quality of life in Catawba County by reducing the likelihood of child maltreatment or alleviating family stress. This year's nominees for the Hancock-Settlemyre Award are:

- Tom Adkins - Chief of Police, Hickory Police Department – community leader and member of the CAPC
- Laura Foster – Sales Associate for Kohl's Department Store – community volunteer for CAPC
- Barbara Williams – CAPC secretary and community volunteer
- The Staff of the Children's Advocacy & Protection Center
(Deborah Johnson; Adrienne Opdyke; Karen Brown; Beth Osbahr; Kim Reinhardt; and Amy Purdy)

For reservations to the Hancock-Settlemyre Award Banquet, you may call 828-465-9296 – **DEADLINE IS MONDAY APRIL 23.**